

## Livestock Grazing

### **For inclusion in Manual 10b, Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program Habitat Conservation Account and Riparian Protection Account, for the Critical Habitat Category**

Livestock grazing is allowed on funded project sites provided that the grazing does not diminish the essential purposes of the grant and:

- Grazing is included in the project agreement and project evaluation materials, or
- Grazing is a continuing use of the project area.

Livestock grazing must be managed in accordance with a site-specific management plan that incorporates current laws, rules, and guidelines to protect or enhance the health of species targeted by the grant. Grazing management plans must include a duration and periodic renewal schedule.

Leases or permits issued by the grant recipient for livestock grazing are allowed in this grant category. Leases must be equivalent to market rate and managed in accordance with RCO policies on Leases and Concessions. (*Manual 7, Funded Projects.*)

Income generated on the project site must be managed in accordance with RCO policies on Income and Income Use. (*Manual 7, Funded Projects.*)

Requests for livestock grazing that do not meet the criteria in this policy or are on board-funded project sites in other grant categories or programs must be reviewed under the allowable uses framework (*Manual 7, Funded Projects.*)

## Telecommunications Facilities

### **For inclusion in Manual 10a, Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program Outdoor Recreation Account, for the Local Parks Category**

Telecommunications facilities<sup>1</sup> and equipment cabinets are allowed on funded project sites provided that their placement, construction, modification, or servicing does not diminish the essential purposes of the grant and all of the following criteria are satisfied:

- The antenna<sup>1</sup> is attached to a new or existing building or structure that furthers the outdoor recreation purposes of the grant, such as a utility pole, sign, or restroom rooftop.
- The footprint of the equipment cabinet is the minimum necessary.

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<sup>1</sup> "Telecommunications facility" and "antenna" are defined by Federal Standard 1037C at <http://www.its.bldrdoc.gov/fs-1037/fs-1037c.htm>.

- The facility and equipment cabinet are placed, constructed, and modified to have the least impairments, including cumulative impairments, to outdoor recreation opportunities. Concealed or camouflaged facilities and equipment cabinets are preferred.
- Servicing does not interfere with the recreational use of the project area.
- The building or structure to which the facility is attached is not damaged by the facility.
- Facilities and equipment cabinets no longer in use or determined to be obsolete are removed within 12 months of the cessation of use.

Leases or permits issued by the grant recipient for telecommunications facilities are allowed in this grant category. Leases must be equivalent to market rate and managed in accordance with RCO policies on Leases and Concessions. (*Manual 7, Funded Projects*)

Income generated on the project site must be managed in accordance with RCO policies on Income and Income Use. (*Manual 7, Funded Project*)

Requests for telecommunications facilities that do not meet the criteria in this policy or are on board-funded project sites in other grant categories or programs must be reviewed under the allowable uses framework (*Manual 7, Funded Projects*)

## Tree Removal

### For inclusion in Manual 7, Funded Projects

Tree removal is allowed on funded project sites provided it does not diminish the essential purposes of the grant and:

- Tree removal is included in the project agreement and project evaluation materials, or
- Trees are removed to prevent potential risk to public safety, or
- Trees are removed in accordance with a state parks tree assessment or an approved site-specific stewardship plan, including a park master plan, to protect or enhance forest health or the health of species targeted by the grant.

Tree removal must be managed consistently with International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) guidelines and in compliance with the Washington Forest Practices Act (Revised Code of Washington 76.09) and Forest Practices Rules (Title 222 Washington Administrative Code). While revenue may be derived from tree removal, revenue generation must not be its primary purpose.

Income generated on the project site must be managed in accordance with RCO policies on Income and Income Use. (*Manual 7, Funded Projects*)

Requests for tree removal that do not meet the criteria in this policy must be reviewed under the allowable uses framework (*Manual 7, Funded Projects*)

## **Deletion from Manual 3, Acquisition Projects**

### **Compatible Uses**

~~RCO allows non-outdoor recreation, salmon habitat recovery, or habitat conservation use of acquisition projects, such as timber management, grazing, and other natural resource uses. These uses must be:~~

~~Clearly compatible with the outdoor recreation, salmon habitat recovery, or~~

~~Clearly secondary to the outdoor recreation, salmon habitat recovery, or habitat conservation use approved in the project agreement~~

~~Approved by RCO in writing~~

## **Allowable Uses Framework**

### **For inclusion in Manual 7, Funded Projects**

RCO grants are intended to support Washington State's habitat, outdoor recreation, and salmon habitat resources. Uses of project sites must have no overall impairment to the habitat conservation, outdoor recreation, or salmon habitat resource funded by RCO.

To be in compliance with the grant, uses of grant-assisted project sites must be either:

Identified in the project agreement; OR

Allowed by RCO policy; OR

Approved by RCO or the funding board.

For the use to be approved by RCO or the funding board (Option C, above) it must meet all of the following criteria:

- The use must be consistent with the essential purposes of the grant (i.e., consistent with the grant agreement and grant program)
- All practical alternatives to the use, including the option of no action, must have been considered and rejected on a sound basis
- The use must achieve its intended purpose with the least possible impact to the habitat, outdoor recreation, or salmon habitat resource

- If the use impacts the type of resource the grant is designed to protect (habitat, outdoor recreation, or salmon habitat), it also must provide at least equivalent benefits to that type of resource so there is no overall impairment

An approved use of a project site must continue in the way it was approved to remain in compliance with the grant. This policy does not modify other RCO policies, such as cultural resource policies.

Income generated on the project site must be managed in accordance with RCO policies on Income and Income Use. (*Manual 7, Funded Projects*).